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25X1X [1. On 27 July 1951, a meeting took place in Karlshorst which was attended by Soviet General Vasili I. Chuikov and Makarov (fmu), General-Inspecteur Heinz Hoffman and Oberrat Butter from the HVA, Willi Stoph and Raeschler (fmu) of the BfW, and others.]

2. Chuikov strongly criticized General Makarov and the HVA for not showing more enthusiasm and promptitude in the preparation and submission of specifications for the HVA special duty vehicles (Sonderfahrzeuge).

3. Chuikov called another meeting for 30 July 1951, at which he said he would require concrete proposals for HVA trucks and tractors. At the same time he said that he would require tests of the H.I.K. and the F8/2 cars.

[4. Decimetre instruments (Decimetergeraete) were also discussed at the 27 July meeting. Two types, which are to be used for aircraft detection, are now being produced in the DDR. These instruments are identified by the names "Sauerk" and "Michael", and are being manufactured by two firms in East Germany. One of these firms is located at Dadendorf on the road between Berlin and Zossen; the other is located at "E.S.P.", Koepenick. The development of these instruments has been financed by the Ministerium fuer Post and Fernmeldewesen. A decision as to which of the above named instruments would be used by the HVA was to have been made 30 July 1951.]

5. General Inspecteur Hoffman explained the vast amount of planning which has gone into the design of the proposed HVA mobile AFV shops, vehicle repairing and charging stations, and artillery workshops. Chuikov stated that the SAG Wagenbau in Halle would be instructed to show the BfW all necessary blueprints, and that plans must be made to have the vehicles produced for the HVA as soon as possible.

6. Chuikov continually reiterated that the production of vehicles for the HVA was of first priority, and said that all officials concerned had to see that no further procrastination occurred.

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